

RECOGNIZING PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY BEING NAMED ONE OF THE NATION'S "100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE"

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Prince William County, Virginia on being named one of the nation's "100 Best Communities for Young People" by America's Promise Alliance and ING.

The annual "100 Best Communities for Young People" competition began in 2005 and was established to honor communities that work to improve young people's chances of earning a high school diploma, finding employment in a competitive 21st century workforce, and contributing to a robust American economy. America's Promise Alliance advocates for providing youth with the resources they require to graduate from high school prepared for college, work and life. The global financial institution, ING, sponsors the awards.

This is the first year the "100 Best" list includes Prince William County. The county received the distinction for its efforts to offer students leadership opportunities and reach out to at-risk youth. Students in Prince William County who participate in the student committee, Learning Essential Assets of Development (LEAD), organize service projects to gain experience in practical planning, communication and decision-making. The county also partnered with private businesses to fund the construction and staffing of a community center and daycare facility in an at-risk neighborhood. Prince William County boasts an on time graduation rate of 88 percent, almost 20 percent higher than the national average.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Prince William County on being recognized as one of the nation's "100 Best Communities for Young People." This is a well-deserved recognition for a county dedicated to providing a high quality of life for its residents and a world class education for its children.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HARRIET JAN HILLMAN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Harriet Jan Hillman. After 23 years, Jan, as she is known by friends and coworkers, is retiring from her post as Executive Director of Planning and Assessment for Student Affairs at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

In addition to her current position, since beginning her career at UNT in 1987 Ms. Hillman has served the Denton campus as Panhellenic Advisor, Director of Student Activities and Assistant Dean of Students. She has been an advocate for the Greek system and has continued to serve this student population over the last ten years even when outside of her assigned job responsibilities.

Ms. Hillman received her B.A. in Pre-Social Work at what was then known as Northeast Louisiana University. She then continued her education by earning both her M.Ed. and Ed.D. from the University of North Texas.

Ms. Hillman's devotion to the profession of student affairs has been evident through her membership in the Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA), an organization she served as President from 1997–1998.

Additionally, Ms. Hillman has been active within the community through her active membership in Kiwanis, the Denton Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Denton. And, in 2006 she was selected as a member of the 2006 class of Leadership Texas.

It is with great honor that I rise today to recognize Jan Hillman for her years of dedication and service to the University of North Texas. I am proud to represent her and UNT in the United States Congress.

STATEMENT ON H.R. 3082, MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, the Continuing Resolution that passed in the House of Representatives today will keep the government funded at the current level through March, 2011, allowing operations to continue for programs that would otherwise have expired. Nationwide, we are continuing to recover from difficult economic times. It is more important than ever that the federal agencies and the programs they administer, which so many states and individuals depend on, receive the federal funding they need to operate without interruption.

During House floor consideration and passage of this legislation, I was unavoidably absent from Washington due to a family health emergency. However, I am pleased that my colleagues passed, this important legislation, which I strongly support.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 654, on motion to suspend the Rules and concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2142, GPRA Modernization Act of 2010; had I been present, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING COACH GENE STALLINGS FOR SELECTION TO COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege to rise today in honor of a

friend and celebrated native of Paris, Texas—legendary coach Gene "Bebes" Stallings who recently was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Coach Stallings embodies the best qualities of a coach, teaching his players not only how to play the game but always to give their best, win or lose. His journey began as a stand-out player at Paris High School and continued at Texas A&M University as a member of Paul "Bear" Bryant's famous Junction Boys. During his career at A&M, Gene was part of the team that finished 9–0–1, winning a Southwest Conference Championship in 1956. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science in 1957 and later earned an honorary degree from Harding University. After his playing days, Gene arrived at Alabama to be an assistant coach under Head Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. He returned to Texas A&M University as head coach in 1965, coaching there until 1971. One of the most thrilling moments of his tenure as head coach at A&M was leading his alma mater to victory against his former coach at the 1968 Cotton Bowl.

For the next 18 years, Gene was a successful coach in the National Football League. For 14 years he served as an assistant coach for the Dallas Cowboys. He was a part of Tom Landry's very successful staff which led the Cowboys to victory in Super Bowl XII. Gene then became the head coach of the St. Louis Cardinals for two years, followed by two more years as head coach for the Phoenix Cardinals.

After a very successful tenure as a coach in the National Football League, Gene returned to college football and Alabama in 1990. His first year at Alabama started with a 0–3 record; however, because of his great leadership, his team improved, finishing the season with a 7–5 record. In 1992, Alabama's dominance began as they finished the season with a 13–0 record, becoming Southeastern Conference champions and winning the national championship against Miami. In 1993, the Crimson Tide won their second straight Southeastern Conference western division title and finished with a record of 9–3–1. In 1994, his team had an 11–0 regular season record. The Crimson Tide lost in the Southeastern Conference title game but defeated Ohio State in the Citrus Bowl. Gene's last year at Alabama was 1996, and his team won 10 games and earned a berth in the Southeastern Conference championship game against Florida. In 1996, Gene announced his retirement from football and completed his career at Alabama with a 70–16–1 record.

This astonishing record of achievement led to numerous awards and recognitions. Gene is a member of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, the Texas A&M University Hall of Fame, the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame, and the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame. He was named National Coach of the Year, American Football Coaches' Coach of the Year, Walter Camp Coach of the Year and received the Paul "Bear" Bryant Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition, he won the Southeastern Conference Coach of the year twice.

Gene not only deserves to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame but to be in another Hall of Fame—one that honors great fathers. His son, John Mark, was born with Down syndrome and a severe heart defect and lived to an age, 46, that many doctors felt